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REMARKS

Claims 12, 13 and 15-22 were pending in this application. The Examiner has indicated that claim 22 is allowable. Additionally, the Examiner has also indicated that claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claim 12 to include the limitations of claim 13. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to depend from amended independent claim 12. Claims 13 and 18-21 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 12, 15-17, and 22 remain in this application.

Claims 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,524,129 to Grossman and, in the alternative, to U.S. Patent No. 1,460,349 to Oakes. Claims 17-21 stand rejected for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) under the Oakes patent. In view of the aforementioned amendments in accordance with the Examiner's allowed claim recitation and cancellation of the rejections of the rejected claims, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal for the anticipation and obviousness rejections.

Applicant respectfully requests that letters patent be granted in due course on allowable claims 12, 15-17, and 22. If there are any outstanding procedural issues, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,
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